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Description: ff. ii + 28 + ii - Seventeenth century. Gold-tooled brown calf over bevelled boards, with a frame of small metal nails on each cover and two engraved metal clasps (one missing) attached to the rear cover. Gold-tooled spine with four raised bands. Gilt edges. - Gift of Thomas E. Marston, November 1974.

Notes:-Manuscript on parchment of Michel Vanier, Treatise on Modesty in Women. At least the first of the ownership inscriptions as well as the entire text are a forgery, written in a language purported to date from the fourteenth century (6 April 1373 is the date given in the title, the Latin of which is as clumsy as the French of the text). The author, purported to be a Roman Cistercian, is unrecorded and the sincerity of his moral purpose is dubious.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 0

Direct Link: http://ds.lib.berkeley.edu/BeineckeMS548_47

Language: French *Century:* 17th

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Part 1:

Description: - parchment - 140 x 110 mm.

Country:

Cardinal point:

Region: France

City:

Assigned Date: [between 1600 and 1650]

Searchable Date Range: 1600 - 1650

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: No

Number of Scribes:

Script: Written by one hand, writing pseudo-Gothic handwriting in a fancy spelling.

Notes: Rich decoration in bright colours: initials and borders poorly imitating various late medieval styles of illumination. Historiated initial containing a woman (f. 1r), and marginal pictures: a dragon devouring a naked woman (f. 13v), grotesques (f. 21v), a woman standing on a grotesque head (f. 27v). All pictures are of a crude execution. Binding: Seventeenth century. Gold-tooled brown calf over bevelled boards, with a frame of small metal nails on each cover and two engraved metal clasps (one missing) attached to the rear cover. Gold-tooled spine with four raised bands. Gilt edges.

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1:

Author: Vanier, Michel.

Title: Treatise on modesty in women.

Subjects: Vanier, Michel.; Didactic literature, French.; French literature--17th century.; Illumination of books and manuscripts, Medieval.; Literary forgeries and mystifications.; Manuscripts, Medieval--Connecticut--New Haven.; Women--Conduct of life.;

Language(s): French